

## STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY LANSING DISTRICT OFFICE



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October 7, 2014

Mr. Brent Wright, Water Plant Supervisor City Of Flint - Department of Public Works Elint Water Plant . 4500 North Dort Highway Flint, Michigan 48505

WSSN; 02310 City Of Flint

Dear Mr. Wright;

SUBJECT: Violation Notice (VN) - Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for Total Collform

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Office of Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance (ODWMA), records show that the City of Filnt is in violation of the Safe Drinking Water Act 1976 PA 399, as amended (Act 399); R 325.10602 MCLs for total coliform bacteria; of the 1979 Administrative Code.

In accordance with R 325.10602 MCLs for total colliform bacteria, a water supply that collects 40 or more samples per month is in compliance with the MCL for total colliforms if not more than 5% of the samples collected during a month are total colliform-positive. Our records show that 15 of 150 or 10% of the samples collected were total colliform-positive during the month of September 2014, which is a violation of the MCL. Our investigation consisted of a review of ODWMA files for laboratory reports received for compliance monitoring. The ODWMA guided you in the response of the total colliform-positive samples and repeat sampling protocol.

Our investigation is considered complete. This violation began on September 5, 2014, and continued until you returned to compliance.

To return to compliance, you collected repeat samples on September 8, 2014, that did not detect coliform bacteria. Although the specific cause of contamination has not been conclusively identified, it appears the situation has been corrected.

This MCL violation requires a Tier 2 public notice. Administrative rule R 325.10403 requires that suppliers provide public notice not later than 30 days after learning of the violation by mall or direct delivery and by any other means reasonably calculated to reach other persons regularly served by the system. Enclosed is a sample public notice. Please notify your consumers by November 2, 2014, and send us a signed and dated copy of the notice that was issued within to days of distributing the public notice. This violation must also be included in your Consumer Confidence Report, due by July 1, 2015.

Fallure to issue a public notice for this violation may result in a fine of at least \$1000 per day of the violation up to a maximum of \$5000. Additional violations are subject to fines of increasing

amounts. If you would like more information on the ODVVMA policy on administrative fines policy, contact us at the numbers below.

If you have any factual information you would like us to consider regarding the violation identified in this VN please provide it in a written response by October 20, 2014.

We anticipate and appreciate your cooperation in resolving this matter. If you have any questions regarding this VN, please contact us at the numbers below.

Sincerely,

Michael F. Prysby, P.E., District Engineer

Lansing District Office

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